

CYNTHIA GREY'S DAILY CORRESPONDENCE

I have been keeping company with a certain young lady for some time, but recently I lost my position and am, consequently unable to give her as good a time as formerly. I have asked her, on two or three occasions, to come out to my home and spend the evening with my folks, but she turned me down, saying she would stand for me, but had no time for my folks. Do you think I could live harmoniously with such a girl?—R. W.

If the girl is not engaged to you, it would be embarrassing for her to go to your home, unless the invitation came from your mother. I think she is right in declining to do so. If she cares for you, she will undoubtedly excuse you from spending money on her while you are out of a position, and will be content with a social call from you, now and then.

(1) Explain what is meant by initiative and referendum, and recall. (2) My wife is grouchy. What is a good remedy?—J. W.

(1) The initiative means that the people, determining that certain laws are necessary, may initiate the enactment of such law or laws by petition, a certain percentage of the voters being necessary for such initiative. The referendum means that the people, determining that certain law or laws are obnoxious, may, after such law or laws are enacted by the legislature, petition that such law or laws be referred to the

voters for approval or rejection, as the case may be. The recall means that the people may petition for an election to determine whether or not an unfaithful or incompetent official—judge, mayor, etc., shall be recalled from—made to vacate—the office to which he is elected. (2) First, try to discover the cause, whether she is in poor health or unhappy about something that might be remedied by you. "Grouchiness" or ill-temper is usually caused by either physical or mental misery. If you are sure the reason does not lie in your own treatment of her, then be as pleasant and patient as you can, and try to comfort, or coax, or laugh her out of her "grouch."

TRANSPLANTED BOYS

England has a surplus of boys, particularly in the towns. New Zealand had a surplus of work on the farms and a shortage of boys. So they gathered up 50 boys from the crowded English streets and sent them to the vacant spaces of New Zealand.

Result: English didn't miss the boys; the boys blossomed out into happy, contented workers; New Zealand liked 'em and cabled: "Send us 100 more town boys." The order will be promptly filled.

There's a lot of room in the world and work for all, if we only knew enough to get folks from the place that needs them not to the place that don't need them.